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1. Mala Drenova Village, located eleven kilometers north of Trstenik in Trstenik District, Serbia, consists of approximately 170 families of which only eight families are Communist. Communist Party members in the community include the following:

Stanimir Petrovic -- Chairman of the community;
Bozin Arsic -- Community secretary and secretary of
the local committee of the CPY.
Zika Petrovic --
Jesa Jevremovic --
Mile Arsic --
Dusan Milunovic --
Dobrosav Vasic --
Tika Ilic -- Manager of the State Carpentry Shop
in Trstenik.

The public school teacher is Bogomir Tomic, a non-Communist who was formerly a Lieutenant Colonel in the Royalist Army, and the village priest, also non-Communist, is Branko Ilic, formerly of Milutovac Village.

2. Nationalist leaders in Mala Drenova Village are the following:

Aleksandar Nikolic,
Zoto Todorovic
Dusan Tomic
Velimir Nikolic (a former reserve Captain).

3. The nearest Militia unit to Mala Drenova village is in Rilci village, five kilometers away, where thirty men are billeted.

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4. Mala Drenova peasants have declined all attempts at collectivization. With the exception of the few Communists, every peasant in the village has spent at least one month in prison. The Soviet Union is as hated by the peasants as the present Yugoslav regime. Local opinion reportedly is generally along the following lines:
- a. In the event of a world war, the United States would be victor.
 - b. American support to the present Yugoslav regime is believed to have been given for political reasons and is explained by the adage: "If you wish to enter the house of friends and there is a watch dog in the courtyard, throw him some bread to let you pass".
 - c. Since the peasants lack ration cards, they do not expect to receive food aid from the United States and are bitter at the idea that most of the food will go to Communists.
5. The deputy to Parliament in Belgrade for Trstenik District is Nikola Maksic, a former prisoner-of-war in Germany. The ten Communist District officials who left their offices and joined the Cominformist underground movement in the Autumn of 1948 were arrested in the Autumn of 1950.

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